

Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting

March 7, 2014 10:00 am

Elwood Public Library

PRESENT: Jody Crocker, Beth Falla, Jane Hilton, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Mo Khamouna, Sky Seery, Dana Wade

ABSENT: Dixie Codner, Annette Eisenhart, Robyn Johnston, Vicki Perrie

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Harders (Systems Administrator), Richard Miller (NLC Rep)

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Jody Crocker called the meeting to order at 10:06.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (1.3.14) Dana Wade moved to accept minutes with a couple of minor corrections, Tim Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT: 67% of the budget through, on track with the year. Price was raised on the copier agreement. Over on Training and Ed, but category is pretty much complete. Jane Hilton moved, Pat Hughes seconded to approve the financial reports as read.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you from Tina Walker from MPCC for the scholarship that will go to her attendance at MPLA Leadership Institute. Valentine Public Library sent a thank you for borrowing the book club kit.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Weeding and Book mending Workshop On Demand was held in Holdrege. Dewey or Don't We? will be held in North Platte March 21st. Successful author tour with Peg Sundberg. Minden Public Library has hired Janene Hill as their Library Director and will begin on March 31st. Hildreth Public Library is moving right along on their construction. Holdrege has a new director, Allison Peyton.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the Systems Reorganization Task Force: 2 scenarios were presented to the Commissioners. A decision will be made on May 9th. All options are open – keep current (6 Systems)/change to 5/change to 4. Transitions estimated to take 6 mos.

RVLS Technology Plan: All items on current Tech Plan are complete. The board agreed to purchase a new laptop, which is for internal use. There is a grant (see below, New Business Grant) in which there is more money to spend. Dana Wade moved that we wait to go forward on the Tech Plan until after the reorganizations of the systems. Mo Khamouna seconded.

NEW BUSINESS:

NLC Office Technology/CE Grant: \$1200 was given to each system was for Office Technology or Continuing Education. With these funds, the Tech Plan committee was consulted. Denise would be happy with a Windows laptop. Beth suggested looking into a Dell tablet as they are pretty cost effective. Denise is going to do some research, make a selection and will bring it back to the Tech Committee.

Board Member Retirements: Beth Falla and Jane Hilton are nearing their term limits. {SAD!} Due to the potential systems reorganization, is it fair to bring in new board members? Jane and Beth would be happy to stay on until things are settled. We could then run with open positions. Pat Hughes made a motion to keep the current board members in place until the Systems Reconfiguration is complete. Mo Khamouna seconded.

2014-15 Board Meeting Schedule: Dates for RVLS Board Meetings are as follows:

June 6 – Annual Meeting, McCook

Sept. 5 – Minden Public Library

November 7 - Conference Call

January 9 - Conference Call

The rest of the meeting times will be discussed after the system reconfiguration.

Bulk Loan Contracts: Talked w/Commission staff *{again, system reorganization}* to honor contract July 1 through December 31, 2014. Other changes are - 6 mo. Contract, \$25 per library served and inclusion of audio books. Compensation is now based on percentage of libraries served.

Upcoming Events:

3.14 – Commissioners’ Meeting, KPL

3.17 – Summer Reading Program, Holdrege PL

4.13-19 – National Library Week

4.14 – Meet with Arapahoe Public Library Board

4.18 – Good Friday, RVLS Office Closed

4.25 – Arbor Day, RVLS Office Closed

5.9 – Commissioners’ Meeting

5.21 – Quarterly Meeting with NLC, Lex PL

5.26 – Memorial Day, RVLS Office Closed

6.6 – RVLS Annual Meeting, McCook

NLC COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Agatha Award Nominees announced, see <http://www.malicedomestic.org/agathaawards.html>. 2014 Dilys Award winners and nominees are found here: <http://www.mysterybooksellers.com/the-dilys-award/>. Need Advocacy? Check out United for Libraries “Citizens-Save-Libraries” grants. More info on ALA website. Nebraska Library Foundations invited to participate in new discussion list from United for Libraries. Look on the ALA website for more info. 21st Century Librarian Scholarship Students have been announced. John Felton has new info on NLA’s Advocacy Day. The Regional Library System Configuration Task Force has wrapped up their work. Decisions will be made in May. There are several Basic Skills classes coming up. See the NLC website for more details. NCompass Live programs are ongoing. There are very interesting sessions coming up. Lib2Gov has been re-launched <http://www.lib2gov.org/>. There are training opportunities at Nebraska Museums Association Annual Meeting and Conference. Like comics? See the [Digital Comics Museum](#)! Nebraska Librarians encouraged to help library customers access Financial Aid Toolkit, see more at: <http://blog.ims.gov/?p=4536#sthash.MTZZ02MR.dpuf>

Board Open Forum: Jane shared information on a local author Rebecca Long-Chaney, who is available for programming. Dana shared that a \$20,000 grant was awarded for Culbertson library. They have over \$300,000 for their new building. Jody shared that the Annual Meeting will be touring the Frank Lloyd Wright house *{Sky is over the moon excited!}* Denise passed out BookPage.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54am.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Annual Meeting, June 6th in McCook.